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1. CHINA

KNI DISPATCH (SUN) REPORTS PRES STUDYING OPTIONS ON HOW REACT IF US BUSINESSMAN OBTAINS COURT ORDER, GROWING OUT OF CHINESE SEIZURE AMERICAN PROPERTY NEARLY THREE DECADES AGO, AND ATTEMPTS SEIZE PRC PLANE ARRIVING CALIFORNIA FOR NIXON. QUOTES AIDE CLOSE TO FORD THAT THIS IS "REAL POSSIBILITY." AT ONE TIME, WAS ASSUMED PRC PLANE WOULD LAND AT EL TORO MARINE AIR STATION NEAR NIXON'S SAN CLEMENTE HOME. PRES' LEGAL ADVISERS WARNED ALL HE COULD DO IF SOMEONE OBTAINED COURT ORDER TO HAVE CRAFT SEIZED WOULD BE TO BAN US MARSHALS FROM BASE. NOW, APPEARS PLANE WILL LAND AT LA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RAISING EVEN MORE DOUBTS ABOUT FORD'S AUTHORITY TO STOP UNCLASSIFIED

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SEIZURE. QUESTION RAISES OBVIOUSLY TRICKLISH INTERNATIONAL/DOMESTIC POLITICAL QUESTIONS. IF PLANE HELD AND PRES DOES NOT INTERFERE, CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE SOME REPERCUSSIONS ON SINO-US RELATIONS.

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS PLANE TAKING NIXON TO PRC WILL MAKE BRIEF TOKYO AIRPORT REFUELLING STOP SATURDAY, JAPANESE FOMINISTRY SOURCES SAID THURSDAY. NIXON TO MAKE

SIMILAR STOPOVER TOKYO ON WAY HOME FROM PEKING FEB 29, THEY ADDED.

JENMIN JIH PAO SAID WEDNESDAY THAT THINGS "NOT GOING VERY WELL" FOR CHAIRMAN MAO'S OPPONENTS. IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE, BROADCAST 0Y PEKING RADIO, ADDED THAT "INTENSE NEW STRUGGLE" IS "CONTINUATION AND DEEPENING" OF GPCR (UPI, NYT).

NCNA CHARGED WEDNESDAY THAT SOVIET IS "MAIN SOURCE OF THREAT" TO SEA, AND CALLED ON REGION'S COUNTRIES TO OPPOSE WHAT IT CALLED SOVIET AGGRESSION, EXPANSION (REUTER HK 2/18).

2. JAPAN

AIDE SAID WEDNESDAY MIKI MAY SEND SPECIAL ENVOY WASHINGTON INVESTIGATE ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYOFFS. ASAHI PREDICTS SCANDAL HEADED FOR "NOT-SO-SPOTLESS WHITEWASH," TYPICAL OF BIG CORRUPTION CASES (AP, WSTAR 2/18).

JAMESON (LAT 2/18) NOTES MIKI PLANS HOLD TV PRESS CONFERENCE THURSDAY. SAYS KOMOTO TOLD PRESS MITI WOULD INSIST JAPAN DEVELOP OWN ASW PLANE. CITES ADMISSION BY OKUBO IN DIET TUESDAY THAT MARUBENI ACCEPTED 'UNUSUALLY SMALL' COMMISSION 92,500 DOLS EACH ON FIRST FOUR TRISTARS SOLD ANA. OKUBO DENIED REASON WAS PERMIT LOCKHEED PAY KODAMA 666,667 DOL COMMISSIONS FOR EACH OF FIRST SIX TRISTARS SOLD. ADDS CMTE CHAIRMAN ARAFUNE (LDP) CHARGED OKUBO, ITOH DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR "CHAOS THAT HAS ENGULFED JAPAN."

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JAMESON ALSO REVIEWS NEW CAMPAIGN BY NOKYO (NATL UNION OF AGRIC COOPS) TO ENCOURAGE JAPANESE EAT MORE RICE. HOPE INCREASE CONSUMPTION BY MILLION TONS/YR, THUS PERSUADE GOJ ELIMINATE PRESENT PRODUCTION CONTROLS. ALSO AIM FOR EQUIVALENT REDUCTION CONSUMPTION WHEAT, MOST OF WHICH IMPORTED FROM US.

JOC (TOKYO) REVIEWS MAF STUDY OF FOOD POLICIES. BUMPER HARVEST EXPECTED BOOST SURPLUS RICE STOCKS TO TWO MILLION TONS IN OCT, REQUIRING GOJ PAY ABOUT 60 MILLION DOL SUBSIDIES, RATHER THAN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE 34 MILLION DOLS. UNOFFICIAL GOAL INCREASE SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOOD FROM CURRENT 71 PCT TO 75 PCT BY 1985.

THREE SPECIALTY STEEL MAKERS ANNOUNCED MERGER WEDNESDAY,
FORM JAPAN'S LARGEST SPECIALTY STEEL FIRM, DAIDO SPECIAL
STEEL CO, CAPITALIZED AT 48.3 MILLION DOLS (JOC).

MOF REPORT SHOWS 1,060 MILLION DOL BOP DEFICIT JANUARY.
INCLUDES 560 MILLION DOL TRADE DEFICIT (JOC, TOKYO).

JAPANESE, SOMALI FREIGHTERS COLLIDE IN FOG TUESDAY,
80 MILES E OF HK; 16 JAPANESE CREW MEMBERS MISSING
(REUTER, LAT 2/18).

MALCOLM (NYT SPECIAL) IN TOKYO REVIEWS FISCAL PLIGHT
JAPANESE CITIES, CUTBACKS IN SPENDING, HIRING CURBS,
WAGE FREEZES, NEW TAXES. SAYS GOJ TOOK OVER FISCAL
OPERATION TWO MEDIUM-SIZE CITIES, TAKEDA, BUZEN, FOLLOWING
RECENT BANKRUPTCIES. CITES NIHON KEIZAI SURVEY THAT
DEFICITS OF 39 OF 47 PREFECTURES WILL TOTAL 650 MILLION
DOLS BY END JFY; AOMORI, MIYAZAKI PREFS SO BADLY OFF
MAY QUALIFY FOR FISCAL TAKEOVER BY GOJ.

3. KOREA

USDA SAID WEDNESDAY ROK WILL GET 30.2 MILLION DOLS WORTH
US WHEAT, 14.5 MILLION DOLS RICE, UNDER FOOD-FOR-PEACE
LONG-TERM CREDIT (AP, WP).

IN DC WEDNESDAY, GROUP OF 300 PERSONS URGED USG
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INVESTIGATE UNIFICATION CHURCH. MANY PARENTS, WHO
CHARGED CHILDREN "PSYCHOLOGICALLY KIDNAPPED" BY MOON
SECT FOLLOWERS. IRS, LABOR APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED BY
SEN DOLE (KANS) (DRAKE, NYDN). WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY
COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGY PROF SWOPE READ STATEMENT BY REV MOON
FROM TRAINING MANUAL -- "WHOLE WORLD IS IN MY HANDS AND
I WILL CONQUER AND SUBJUGATE THE WORLD." ALSO READ
FROM MANUAL CLAIM THAT, "WE CAN DO ANYTHING WITH
SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN" (BLAU, NYT).

MAXINE CHESHIRE (WP) REPORTS REPS ADDABBO (NY) AND
LEGGETT (CALIF) UNDER FBI INVESTIGATION, ON SUSPICION
EACH ACCEPTED BRIBES "LESS THAN 10,000 DOLS" LAST FALL
FROM ROKG. CITES SOURCES SAYING FBI CHECKING
RELATIONSHIP OF BOTH WITH SUZI THOMPSON, KOREAN-BORN
MEMBER SPEAKER ALBERT'S STAFF. SAYS FBI, JUSTICE
SPOKESMEN DECLINED COMMENT, BUT OTHER SOURCES SAID AG
LEVI ISSUED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR PROBE TUESDAY,
CONFIRMING EARLIER VERBAL DIRECTIVE TO FBI DIRECTOR
KELLY. LEGGETT, ADDABBO SAID WERE "UNAWRE" OF
INVESTIGATION, DENIED EVER RECEIVING MONEY FROM SKOREANS.
SAYS SUZI THOMPSON KNOWN AS "JUNIOR GRADE PERLE MESTA"

AMONG CONGRESSMEN, AIDES, LOBBYISTS, FOR HER PARTIES, INCLUDING DINNERS, HALF-DOZEN BIRTHDAY PARTIES SHE HOSTS FOR CONGRESSMEN, WIVES, EACH YEAR. NOTES FREQUENT GUEST HER PARTIES IS ROK EMBASSY MINISTER YUNG HWAN KIM, "KNOWN TO U.S. OFFICIALS" AS RANKING KCIA AGENT IN WASHINGTON.

4. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

HIRC ADOPTS "LIMITED STEP" TOWARD NORMALIZATION RELS WITH VN TO PERMIT NONSTRATEGIC TRADE, INVESTMENT BY US FIRMS. SPONSOR, REP BINGHAM, SAID PROVISION WOULD ALLOW US FIRMS RESUME OIL SEARCH IN S CHINA SEA, ADDS VIET AUTHORITIES ANXIOUS DRILLING PROCEED. ADMIN OPPOSES COMMITTEE MOVE EVEN THOUGH VN WOULD HAVE SHOW PROGRESS IN ACCOUNTING FOR MIAS (RICH/OBERDORFER, WP).

SVN SECURITY FORCES ARREST GROUP "TRAITORS...UNDER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RELIGIOUS LABEL" IN BINH HOA 2 DAYS AFTER AUTHORITIES CRUSHED ARMED REBELLION AT RC CHURCH. SAIGON ARCHBISHOP SAYS RC CHURCH COULD NOT SPONSOR, ENCOURAGE, CONDONE ANY ORGANIZATION THAT IN NAME OF RELIGION OPPOSED GOVT. DOS DENIES US CONNECTION WITH PLOT (REUTER, NYT). FOR 2ND TIME IN WK, SVN GOVT ANNOUNCES ARREST ADVERSARIES LINKED WITH RC CHURCH. RELS BETWEEN COMMUNIST GOVT, RC COMMUNITY EXTREMELY SENSITIVE. OFFICIALS DOWNPLAY IMPORTANCE CLANDESTINE GROUPS, SEEM MORE WORRIED BY ATTEMPTS SABOTAGE ECONOMY. COUNTERFEIT MONEY, FACTORY FOR PRODUCING BANKNOTES SEIZED AFTER CHURCH CLASH SAID BY OFFICIALS TO BE CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLATION (AFP, PHINQ).

RTG CLOSING BORDER TO INDOCHINA REFUGEES; FEARS INCREASING FLOW LAOTIANS ACROSS MEKONG WILL BECOME FINANCIAL BURDEN, WHILE KHMER REFUGEES COULD PREVENT BETTER RELS WITH CAMBODIA (UPI, NYT).

5. HONG KONG

POPULATION AT END 1975 ESTIMATED AT 4,379,900, INCREASE OF 50,000 OVER YEAR AGO (AP, NYT).

UPI (HK) SAYS CENTURY-LONG STRUGGLE TO CLOSE GAP BETWEEN TOO MANY PEOPLE AND NOT ENOUGH WATER WILL END THIS YEAR WHEN COLONY COMPLETES WORLD'S LARGEST DESALTING PLANT. WITH COMPLETION 40-MILLION-GALLON-DAILY PLANT TO TURN SEAWATER INTO FRESH, PLUS 18.5 BILLION DOL GALLONS

CHANNELED FROM PRC ANNUALLY, HK WILL FINALLY HAVE ENOUGH

WATER FOR ITS 4.4 MILLION RESIDENTS (LAT 2/15).

6. MILITARY AID BILL

SENATE PASSES 3 BILLION DOL MIL AID BILL THAT ALLOWS CONGRESSIONAL VETO BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ANY GOVT, COMMERCIAL ARMS SALE THAT SUPPLIES WEAPONS TO COUNTRIES VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS BY TORTURE; REQUIRES COMPANIES SELLING ARMS OVERSEAS REPORT TO SECSTATE ON COMMISSIONS, FEES, BRIBES PAID FOREIGN SALES AGENTS, PURCHASERS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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OBTAIN CONTRACTS (RICH/OBERDORFER). BILL WOULD STOP PRACTICE PAYING BRIBES ON WEAPONS DEALS BY MAKING PUBLIC DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS; END TRANSFERS US WEAPONS TO NATIONS JUDGED VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS OF CITIZENS. SEN TOWER OPPOSES BILL'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS, SAYS AIMED AT RIGHT-WING DICTATORSHIPS, NOT LEFT-WING (LYONS, NYT). BILL PROVIDES NEW OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN DOS TO REPORT TO CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE PRACTICES OF NATIONS RECEIVING US FOREIGN AID (AP, SUN).

7. AUSTRALIA

AMB HARGROVE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO GOV-GEN KEER THURSDAY (REUTER CANBERRA).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

CDN (2/11) SAYS HUA KUO-FENG APPOINTMENT AS ACTING PREMIER UPSETS ALL ASSUMPTIONS MADE SINCE CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH AS TO STABILITY/DIRECTION PEKING'S INTERNAL POLITICS; ALSO WONDERS WHAT IT MEANS IN TERMS SINO-US RELATIONS. IF HUA CONFIRMED, US WOULD SEEM BACK AT SQUARE ONE IN TRYING UNDERSTAND PRC POLITICS, INTENTIONS. AT THIS AWKWARD MOMENT, NIXON PLANNING PEKING VISIT, AMID HINTS CHINESE ESPECIALLY DESIRE IT--AND THIS ADDS ANOTHER PUZZLING ELEMENT TO MYSTERY. WOULD BE BETTER IF NIXON CANCELED TRIP; BUT HE IS HARDLY RENOWNED FOR SENSITIVITY, SO THIS UNLIKELY. ABOUT ALL THAT CAN BE PREDICTED IS THAT PRC EVENTS, INCLUDING TYPE RECEPTION GIVEN NIXON, WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHED--AND WITH CONSIDERABLY LESS CONFIDENCE THAT ANY OUTSIDER REALLY KNOWS WHAT INSCRUTABLE CHINESE UP TO.

CDN'S LISAGOR (2/16) SAYS WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT, ADMIN OFFICIALS MAY FEEL COMPELLED HEAR WHAT NIXON HAS TO SAY ABOUT CHINESE LEADERSHIP, WHEN HE RETURNS FROM PEKING TRIP. NOT EVEN MOST SELF-ASSURED CHINA EXPERT CLAIMS TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHINESE LEADERSHIP.

TIMING OF PRC INVITATION TO NIXON COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN
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MORE EMBARRASSING TO FORD; COMING THREE DAYS BEFORE NH
PRIMARY, EXPECTED REVIVE MEMORIES OF NIXON PARDON. SAYS
WH COULD HARDLY CONCEAL ITS DISMAY, MOVED QUICKLY TO
PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN PRES AND NIXON, DISCLAIMING ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONNECTION WITH NIXON TRIP. BUT "HISTORY
PLAYS MEAN TRICKS, SOMETIMES," AND EVENTS NOW PROMISE
TO GIVE NIXON FIRST WESTERN GLIMPSE OF MAO/HUA,
OPPORTUNITY APPRAISE THEIR RELATIONSHIP, CHANCE CLAIM TO
SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY, WITHIN LIMITS, OF WHAT PEKING
SHAKEUP MIGHT PORTEND. NOTES DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS POINT
OUT NIXON MAY EVEN DISCOVER WHY CHINESE SEEMED SO ANXIOUS
HAVE HIM VISIT AT THIS JUNCTURE.

MAULDIN CARTOON (CS-T 2/13) SHOWS NIXON PACKING FOR PRC
TRIP, SAYING: "THANK GOD FOR A SOCIETY WHERE THEY RESPECT
THEIR LEADERS." GLOBE'S SZEP PICTURES FORD ASKING HAK,
"UH, ABOUT NIXON'S CHINA TRIP . . . DID HE GET A RETURN
TICKET?" TRUDEAU'S "AMB DUKE" IN PEKING TELLS MAO JOKE;
INTERPRETER DECLINES TRANSLATE IT, BUT HAS AUDIENCE
"LAUGH AT IT, GO WILD," ANYWAY (SUN 2/16). INTERPRETER
DOES SIMILAR DEFT JOB IN OMITTING TRANSLATE REMARK BY

CHINESE OFFICIAL (TENG?) THAT PRC INDEPENDENCE BASED IN
PART ON FORCE (SUN).

REUTER'S ROGERS, IN PEKING, CITES HEATED STRUGGLE BEING
WAGED IN CHINESE LEADERSHIP BETWEEN REVOLUTIONARY
STANDARD BEARERS OF MAO AND RIGHTWING "CAPITALIST ROADERS";
FINDS EMOTIVE LANGUAGE IN PRESS AND WALLPOSTERS REMINISCENT
OF GPCR, BUT NO VISIBLE TENSION SUGGESTING COUNTRY HEADING
FOR ANOTHER DISRUPTIVE EXPERIENCE. ALTHOUGH HIS HOPES
OF SUCCEEDING CHOU LOOK FINISHED, TOO EARLY TO WRITE OFF
RESILIENT TENG AS POLITICAL FORCE. FEROCITY OF RADICAL
ATTACK ON TENG IS TESTIMONY TO HIS STRONG POSITION IN
CCP, GOVT AND MILITARY, AND WIDE SUPPORT HE COMMANDS.
BUT TENG NOT HEARD OF SINCE JAN 15; IF HE DOES NOT APPEAR
SOON, MUST BE CONCLUDED HE IS OUT IN COLD, AT LEAST
TEMPORARILY. LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT HAU, BUT HIS RECORD AS
PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER
DOES NOT SUGGEST HE WILL SUPPORT EXTREMIST POLICIES.

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ANDERSON/WHITTEN CLAIM MAIN REASON CIA MONITORED MAILS
BETWEEN US, PRC, ACCORDING SECRET TESTIMONY, WAS TO
PICK UP CLUES ABOUT PEKING'S ATOMIC PROGRESS (WP).

CSM'S TAYLOR SAYS WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING CAMERAMAN ARNOLD AND PRODUCER FLEMING ARE PUTTING TOGETHER DOCUMENTARY ON THEIR RECENT PRC VISIT WITH REP HECKLER, TO BE AIRED AROUND MARCH 1. FROM 12,000 FT, OR MORE THAN FIVE HOURS, OF FILM SHOT IN PRC, THEY ARE CUTTING ONE-HOUR SHOW--OR MAYBE BROKEN INTO TWO HALF-HOURS. GROUP HAD OPPORTUNITY VISIT SZECHWAN PROVINCE WHERE PEOPLE HAD NOT SEEN WESTERNER IN TWO GENERATIONS, ACCORDING ARNOLD. FOUND CHINESE VERY COOPERATIVE, WHEREAS ACCORDING TV GUIDE, PRESS TEAM THAT VISITED PRC WITH FORDS RAN INTO ALL SORTS HURDLES THAT PREVENTED THEM FILMING THINGS THEY WISHED.

9. JAPAN/KOREA

WP REVIEWS ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS OVER PAST WEEKS ON NUCLEAR REACTOR/NUCLEAR WEAPONS FRONT. HAILS SEN GOVT OPN CMTE HEARINGS THAT SHOULD PROVIDE "USEFUL GUIDELINES" ON RISKS INHERENT IN US EXPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES. ALSO WELCOMES RESULT OF SEVEN-NATION NUCLEAR SUPPLIER CONFERENCE, CALLED BY US, IN WHICH MEMBERS "EVIDENTLY AGREED" ON EXPORT REGULATIONS, STANDARDS THAT MEAN US, UK, FRG, FRANCE, JAPAN, CANADA, SOV WOULD NOT WEAKEN SAFEGUARDS TO SEEK COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN NUCLEAR SALES. EXPRESSES

SATISFACTION GISCARD APPEARS HAVE JOINED ANTI-PROLIFERATION RANKS. WELCOMES SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR EXPORT FRENCH NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT TO SK; REGRETS US DOES NOT HAVE SIMILAR ABILITY INFLUENCE ACTIONS OF IRAN, PAKISTAN, OTHER POTENTIAL BUYERS OF FRENCH EQUIPMENT. DESPITE PROGRESS, HOWEVER, CAUTIONS NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS HAVE "LONG WAY TO GO ON SAFEGUARDS QUESTIONS" IF ARE TO CAPITALIZE ON "FRAGILE PROGRESS" THAT HAS BEEN MADE.

10. JAPAN

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WSTAR (2/15) NOTES CAMPAIGN SECURE PRESIDENTIAL PARDON FOR IVA TOGURI D'AGUINO, CONVICTED OF TREASON 1949 AS "TOKYO ROSE." IS PERSUADED, ON BASIS REEXAMINATION TRIAL RECORDS BY WSJ'S MCDOWELL, THAT CASE "MERITS OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION."

SF CHRON (2/9) BELIEVES EVIDENCE "OVERWHELMING" IVA D'AGUINO TRIAL "GROSSEST AND MOST DISGRACEFUL MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE." STATES US PROSECUTOR USED BLUNDERS, HALF-TRUTHS, LIES TO GAIN CONVICTION OF PERSON WHO WAS, AT LEAST, PASSIVE VICTIM OF WAR. MAY HAVE BEEN HEROINE, BECAUSE CONSISTENTLY TOLD JAPANESE CAPTORS THEY WOULD LOSE WAR, USED POSITION

AS RADIO ANNOUNCER TO WATER DOWN ANTI-AMERICAN
PROPAGANDA. URGES PRES FORD GRANT HER PARDON.

SF CHRON'S JERRY CARROLL, KEITH POWER REVIEW
"TOKYO ROSE" TRIAL RECORDS IN WEEK-LONG SERIES
(2/2-6). CITE SCAP DOCUMENT, FOUND NATL ARCHIVES,
THAT SAYS D'AGUINO "NOT THE TOKYO ROSE OF MYTH."
NOTE OCCUPATION DECLINED PRESS CHARGES, RELEASED
HER FROM PRISON. SHOW LATER INDICTMENT IN US
BASED, IN PART, ON PERJURY BY FORMER COLLEAGUE,
BRIBED BY COSMOPOLITAN MAG REPORTER HARRY BRUNDAGE,
WHO OUT TO PROVE HE TRACKED DOWN TRAITOR. NOTES
HOPELESSLY-SPLIT JURY FOUND HER GUILTY ON
Y AFTER
ORDERED LOCKED UP BY JUDGE. STATE AUSSIE POW, OTHERS
WHO WORKED ON SAME 340 WARTIME "ZERO HOUR"
BROADCASTS, NEVER CHARGED WITH CRIMES. BUT
CONVICTION ROOTED IN POST-WAR HYSTERIA COST
D'AQUINO 6 1/2 YRS IN PRISON, 10,000 DOL FINE SHE
FINALLY PAID OFF 1971, AND 26 YEAR SEPARATION FROM
PORTUGUESE HUSBAND, WHO FORBIDDEN ENTER US.

11. AUSTRALIA/JAPAN

LACHICA (CSM) AT TOKYO SAYS FRASER EXPECTED CHANGE
ALMOST ENTIRE RANGE AUSSIE FOREIGN RELS, STARTING
WITH JAPAN. CONSIDERS SIGNIFICANT DEP PM ANTHONY'S
10-DAY JAPAN VISIT THAT STARTED FEB 4; BELIEVES
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HE HOPES RETURN TO FREE-TRADE CLIMATE. NOTES BOTH
SIDES CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON NIPPON-AUSTRALIA RE-
LATIONS AGREEMENT, THAT MAY BE READY FOR SIGNING
WHEN FRASER MAKES PLANNED JAPAN VISIT IN SPRING
OR EARLY SUMMER. OPINES JAPANESE UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH UNPREDICTABLE POLICY CHANGES DURING 3-YR
AUSSIE LABOR GOVT, WELCOMED FRASER ADMIN
PROPOSITIONS ON DROPPING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON
URANIUM, NATL GAS.

12. AUSTRALIA

HOFFMAN (CSM) DOES ITEM ON AUSSIE REVOLUTION IN
INTERIOR DECORATING OVER PAST 10 YRS. SAYS BEFORE
THEN AUSSIES FELT SELVES OUT OF MAINSTREAM FOR
GOOD, GRACIOUS LIVING. ATTRIBUTES CHANGE TO HIGH
LIVING STD, INTEREST IN US, EUR MAGAZINES, FACT
AUSSIES BEST-TRAVELED PEOPLE IN WORLD.

13. LOS - FISHERIES

GLOBE'S RAY RICHARD (2/15) HAILS CONGRESSIONAL VOTE

TO ESTABLISH 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE. SAYS MEANS
SUN BREAKING THROUGH CLOUDS FOR NEW ENGLAND FISHERIES
INDUSTRY AFTER DECADE OF STORMY SKIES. CAUTIONS FULL
RECOVERY OF INDUSTRY, DEPLETED STOCKES "RAVAGED"
BY FOREIGN FLEETS WON'T OCCUR OVERNIGHT, MUCH WILL
DEPEND ON DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS, STILL TO COME.

COUGHLIN (GLOBE, 2/15) FLIES USCG "GOAT HOP" PATROL
FLIGHT MONITORING US SHELF FISHERIES. CREW INCLUDES
NATL MARINES FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT AGENT BILL MILLS,
FLUENT IN JAPANESE, RUSSIAN. INGERSOLL

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